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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU TO RING IN HOLIDAY SEASON

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University will ring in the holiday season with the annual EIU/Community Holiday Party from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10.

The party, which is open to the public, has become an annual celebration on the EIU campus and will be held for the first time in Old Main, a campus landmark and administrative office building, which is outlined in lights for the holiday.

EIU President David Jorns and other members of the administration will welcome guests.

The festivities will include a complimentary punch and cookie reception and performances by the Brasses of the EIU/Community Orchestra, conducted by Donald C. Tracy; the EIU Chamber Singers, directed by Robert E. Snyder; and the Faculty Brass Quintet comprised of W. Parker Melvin, Amy Nelson, Christopher Smith, Allan Horney and James Hathaway.

The groups will perform seasonal selections, as well as stirring compositions.

Activities will be centered around a 20-foot Christmas tree in the north foyer of Old Main and the mezzanine area where music

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groups will perform. Old Main will be decorated in a holiday theme, complete with candles and greenery.

Parking will be available in the lot east of Old Main. Luminaries will line the sidewalks and lead guests to the east entrance and north main entrance of Old Main.

In conjunction with the party, EIU's theatre department will present an original children's theatre production, "Felicity Freeple is So Mean to People," at 6 p.m. in the Playroom in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The 45-minute play, written by EIU's Jean Wolski, is free and open to the public.

At 7 p.m., the theatre department will present an adaptation of the Dicken's holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol." The production will be presented in the University Theatre in Doudna. Tickets are \$6 for general admission, \$5 for seniors and youth and \$3 for students.

For more information, call the theatre ticket office at 581-3110.